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SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the rate at which the labourers are paid for the interim period when a labour dispute is pending before a tribunal?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Under section 33 (*a*) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, as amended, read with section 20 (3) of the same Act, an employer who is a party to an industrial dispute shall continue to pay his workers, during the period of pendency of adjudication proceedings before a tribunal, wages at the rates which were paid on the date of reference of the dispute for adjudication."

Licence fee for fish-catching nets.

* 195 *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government issued orders to collect licence fee for fish-catching nets;

(*b*) whether this order applied to fishing in salt water also;

(*c*) whether the Government have stopped supplying yarn through the Fisheries department for the nets at a discount of 25 per cent; and

(*d*) whether the Government received any representations regarding this matter from the fishermen of Nizampatnam, Guntur district?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. In certain inland waters and back waters, the Government have introduced the system of issuing licences for fishing on payment of nominal fees. There is no such restriction in the case of sea fishery.

" (*c*) During 1952–53, the subsidy for the supply of yarn for mending old nets has been reduced from 25 per cent to $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. The supply of yarn to fishermen for the construction of new nets is made at cost price plus incidental charges without any loss to Government.

" (*d*) No."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state why the Government went back upon their previous commitment in supplying yarn at reduced rates and why they are collecting licence fee when the fishermen in general are in hardship? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There was a change in the policy."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" ఒక్కొక్క వలకు ఎంత licence-fee వేశారో చెప్పగలరా ?"

9-10 a.m. THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" Sir, is this method of licensing in force with regard to fishermen co-operative societies also?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir. For all inland water fishing it is enforced."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, owing to the acute unemployment and starvation prevailing among the fishermen on the Malabar Coast, will the Government agree to supply the yarn at a discount of 25 per cent as was given formerly?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The Government want to do it on a 'no profit' 'no loss' basis, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that the fishermen are put to a lot of difficulties because of this licensing system and if so will the Government consider the question of withdrawing the system and allow them to fish as they like?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, the hon. Member is wrong in saying that the issue of licences causes a lot of hardship to fishermen. This system has been introduced in order to regulate fishing. Otherwise, fishermen use nets with small meshes and destroy the young ones before they grow up. The system has been introduced to control indiscriminate fishing and to enable the growth of fish in inland waters."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Sir, is the tax levied on the nets or the men working on the nets?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The licence fee is regulated according to the kind of net that is used."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that the Government Order restricts the issue of licences to people with an income below Rs. 50, that as far as the Harijans are concerned, the order is being enforced against their interests and that Harijans are not given licences and may I know whether Government have received any representation regarding this from Cherukunnu, Chirakkal taluk, with regard to fishing in river Taliparamba, Palayangadi, that four Harijans applied for licence and were refused on the basis of the Government Order?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Sir, the catches along the coast of South Kanara this year have been very poor. In view of this fact, will the Government consider the question of subsidizing the sale of yarn to these fishermen for a period of one year?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The question will be considered."

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SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that the absence of a licensing system would enable monopolies to be formed to catch fish in the sea and thus deprive hundreds of small families to get a catch? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is no licensing system for fishermen who go out into the sea, Sir. This system is only with regard to fishing in inland waters."

Construction of a causeway across Vellar river near Vriddhachalam.

* 196 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received representations for constructing a causeway across Vellar near Therku-Vadakku Puthu in Vriddhachalam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A representation for constructing either a bridge or a causeway across Vellar river near Vriddhachalam was received in May 1951 from the South Arcot Groundnut Market Committee. After examining it, the Committee was informed that the work could not be taken up for the present and that the question of bridging the river at the place would, however, be considered at a later date when the finances of the State improve."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government are going to arrive at a decision in the matter."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The last paragraph of the answer I had already given should have satisfied the hon. Member. It will be considered at a later date when the finances of the State improve."

Collection of donations from the students of Dhulipudi Training School, Repalle taluk.

* 197 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any enquiry was conducted in regard to extracting compulsory donations from training students in Dhulipudi Training School of Repalle taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what was the result?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government understand that only voluntary donations were taken by the School Committee. They were not compulsory."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Members of the Committee themselves admitted before me that there were such collections, and in view of the fact that a